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SUBJ: IHAWK TEAM VISIT TO KUWAIT

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B. STATE 213357 DTG 271551SUSEP 74 (NOTAL)

1. PROPOSED SCHEDULE (DAILY PLAN) FOR DOD IHAWK TEAM VISIT PROVIDED REFTEL (A) APPEARS OPTIMISTIC FROM STANDPOINT TIME. SPLITTING INTO SUB GROUPS NOT REALISTIC. KADF TEAM WITH WHOM THEY WILW MEET WILL CONSIST, EFFECTIVELY, OF THREE EGYPTIAN ADVISERS (WHO HANDLE ALL ASPECTS AS PROGRAM MANAGER) WITH TWO KUWAITI ASSISTANTS. IN PAST THEY HAVE REFUSED TO SPLIT. ONLY FEW KUWAITI OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT. WITH ONE EXCEP-TION, NONE ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OR EFFECTIVE.

2. KADF EXPECTS TECHNICAL AND/OR PROGRAM EXPERTISE IAW THEIR REQUEST. LARGE TEAMS, WITH NON-CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS, HAVE EVOKED NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN PAST -- PARTICULARLY SINCE GOK BELIEVES IT PAYING COSTS INVOLVED. COMPOSITION TEAM SUGGESTS MAJOR THRUST VISIT WILL BE POLICY RATHER THAN IHAWK MATTERS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW ALREADY LARGE SIZE TEAM, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CONSIDERATION ALSO BE GIVEN TOZINCLUDING MAJOR
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K.A. INGRAM (MICOM) WHO HAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED KADF WITH

HIS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND HARD WORK ON TRAINING PROGRAMS. (HE HAS BEEN PRAISED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY GOK GENERAL OFFICER.) WHILE WE DO NOT WISH INTRUDE ON DOD MANAGEMENT PREROGATIVES, PRESENCE ABOVE OFFICER WHOM GOK OFFICIALS RESPECT AND TRUST COULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE. STRANGERS ARE ACCEPTED BY KUWAITIS VERY SLOWLY AND WITH CAUTION.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WITH TEAM TOTAL DOD SALES PROGRAM AS PROPOSED REFTEL (A). NOTES THAT SIMILAR REVIEWS CONDUCTED IN APRIL (AFTER GOK STOPPED PAYMENTS DUE TO INCOMPETENCIES), JULY (WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEPINSPGEN OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE) AND IN OCT/NOV (WITH IGA TEAM). EXCEUZ IHAWK PROGRAM, SITUATION GENERALLY REMAINS SAME.

4. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED POLICY GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONCERNING POSSIBLE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK ON TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL AND COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE NEITHER MATTER SHOULD BE RAISED WITH GOK BY IHAWK TEAM. NOT ONLY IS ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED, BUT TIMING POOR BECAUSE OF GOK DISSATISFACTION WITH EXISTING PROGRAMS AND BECAUSE OF FAILURE USG PROVIDE INFO REPEATEDLY REQUESTED.

5. IF DOD WISHES INCLUDE MAJOR INGRAM IN TEAM, COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED. REQUEST ADVISE -- HOTRES CRITICAL. MAU

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